THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The location-wise details of the approved 18 Export Promotion Industrial Parks (EPIP) are given the statement attached.

(c) An amount of Rs. 20 crores has been provided for EPIP in the Budget Estimates for 1997-98. Funds are not earmarked State-wise, as Central Grant to State Governments for EPIP is released in proportion to the State's contribution, linked to progress of implementation of the Park.

(d) and (e) Project location for setting up of Export Promotion Industrial Park is determined by the concerned State Government. Proposals have been received from the Governments of Karnataka, Jammu & Kashmir, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh for setting up a second Export Promotion Industrial Park in Mangalore, Rangreth in District Budgam, Tapukara in District Alwar and Ram Nagar in District Varanasi respectively.

Statement

Details of approved EPIPs, location-wise

	Name of State Government	Location of EPIP	Central Grant released
1.	Punjab	Dhandari Kalan, Distt. Ludhiana	Rs. 5.90 crores.
2.	Maharashtra	Ambarnath, Distt. Thane.	Rs. 6.75 crores.
3.	Himachal Pradesh	Baddi, Distt. Solan.	Rs. 3.00 crores.
4.	Rajasthan	Sitapura, Distt. Jaipur.	Rs. 10.00 crores.
5.	Karnataka	Hoodi, Distt. Bangalore.	Rs. 10.00 crores.
6.	Kerala	Kakkanad, Distt. Ernakulam.	Rs. 5.89 crores.
7.	Haryana	Kundli, Distt. Sonipat.	Rs. 4.00 crores.
8.	Uttar Pradesh	Surajpur, Distt. Ghaziabad.	Rs. 10.00 crores.
9.	Tamil Nadu	Gummidipoondi, Distt, Chengai-MGR	Rs. 2.37 crores.
10.	Andhra Pradesh	Pashamylaram, Distt. Medak.	Rs. 2.25 crores.
11.	Gujarat	Savli, Distt. Baroda.	Rs. 5.20 crores.
12.	Bihar	Hajipur, Distt. Vaishali,	Rs. 3.00 crores.
13.	West Bengal	Durgapur, Distt. Burdwan	Rs. 4.15 crores
14.	Meghalaya	Byrnihat, Distt. Ribhoi.	Rs. 4.50 crores.
15.	Orissa	Bhubaneswar, Distt. Khurda.	Rs. 4.50 crores.
16.	Assam	Amingaon near Guwahati, Distt. Kamrup.	Rs. 5.00 crores
17.	Madhya Pradesh	Pithampur, Distt. Dhar	Rs. 4.50 crores.
18.	J&K	Samba, Distt. Jammu	Rs. 2.25 crores.

[English]

Import of Fabrics

5545. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the 'Financial Express' captioned "move to shift fabrics from restricted list";

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to shift fabrics from restricted list and allow its import against the new duty entitlement Pass book scheme notified in the export-import policy (1997-2002);

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) to (d) Review of Exim Policy is an ongoing process

and changes are made in it as and when considered necessary. Presently, there is no move to shift fabrics from the Restricted list of Negative list of Imports. As per current Exim Policy, credit facility under Duty Entitlement Pass Book Scheme is available for all items, except those appearing in the Negative List of Imports.

Trade with Neighbouring Countries

5546. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR:

SHRIMATI PURNIMA VERMA:

SHRI VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL:

DR. ASIM BALA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's trade with its neighbouring countries has doubled during each of the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and country-wise;

(c) the main items which were imported and exported during the above period, country-wise;

(d) whether India has signed any agreement with its neighbouring countries particularly Bangladesh, Pakistan and Nepal recently;

(e) if so, the details thereof, separately; and

(f) how far these agreements are likely to boost the trade with its neighbouring countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) India's trade with Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and China has grown by 48.31%, 51.10% and 38.65% duirng 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 respectively. In the case of trade with Myanmar (figures compiled in US $), the trade growth rate has been 20.27%, 4.47% and 18.92% during the same period.

(b) Statement-I showing India's trade with these neighbouring countries from 1992-93 upto 1996-97 (Apr-Feb) year-wise and countrywise is enclosed.

(c) The main items which were imported and exported during the above period, country-wise, are shown in Statement-II attached.

(d) and (e) India has existing bilateral trade agreements/ treaties with each one of these neighbouring countries except Pakistan and no fresh Agreement has been signed recently with any of these neighbouring countries except that the existing Treaty of Trade between India and Nepal has been extended for a further period of 5 years in December 1996. On 11th April 1993, an Agreement on Preferential Trading Arrangement (SAPTA) was signed by these seven countries as Members of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) under which tariff concessions are being exchanged and the aim is to establish a Free Trade Area preferably by 2000 A.D. but not later than 2005 A.D.

(f) India's trade with the SAARC Member countries is on the increase.

Statement-I

India's Trade with Neighbouring Countries

(Value in Rs. crores)

Country	1992-93		Total Trade	1993-94		Total Trade	1994-95		Total Trade	1995-96		Total Trade	1996-97 (Apr-Feb)		Total Trade
	Export	Import		Export	Import		Export	Import		Export	Import		Export	Import	
Bangladesh	1030.86	35.99	1066.85	1349.69	56.09	1405.78	2024.13	119.85	2143.98	3469.91	282.14	3752.05	2624.68	194.44	2819.12
Bhutan	6.29	3.5	9.79	31.10	9.34	40.44	34.83	57.40	92.23	57.56	107.20	222.32	63.88	85.35	149.23
Maldives	18.63	0.21	18.84	24.63	1.02	25.65	48.28	0.73	49.01	52.52	0.55	53.07	33.27	0.51	33.78
Nepal	210.48	71.75	282.23	304.87	85.62	390.49	377.00	114.89	491.89	536.45	166.95	703.95	543.06	265.72	808.78
Pakistan	151.27	373.50	524.77	200.66	136.48	337.14	179.71	165.61	345.32	256.80	150.80	407.60	511.12	124.37	635.50
Sri Lanka	646.61	40.61	687.22	897.47	62.19	959.66	1151.08	96.49	1247.57	1335.62	145.83	1481.45	1499.92	145.31	1645.23
China	409.18	364.90	774.08	857.19	972.35	1829.54	799.72	2368.02	3167.74	1097.44	2732.84	3830.28	1903.32	2334.97	4238.29
Total	2473.32	890.46	3363.78	3665.61	1323.09	4988.70	4614.75	3665.61	7537.74	6806.06	3586.31	10450.72	7178.25	3150.68	10329.23
%Growth						48.31			51.10			38.65			
Myanmar	6.79	111.27	118.06	21.00	121.00	142.00	21.78	126.58	148.36	25.27	157.73	183.00	26.65(*)	105.91(*)	132.56(*)
(Values in US$ Million)															
%Growth						20.27			4.47			18.92			

(*)Figures for April-November 1996

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta